

# IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 1-12 and 14-31 in accordance with the following:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer system<sub>1</sub> comprising:  
means for receiving client identification information from a terminal of one client; and  
means for transmitting, to said terminal of said one client, display information ~~wherein in~~ which each of client specification-representation information respectively specifying of said one  
client and client representation information of other clients<sub>1</sub> who belong to a genre registered by  
said one client in advance<sub>1</sub> is-are positioned at a-predetermined location<sub>1</sub>, locations in response  
to a receipt of said client identification information.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The computer system according to claim 1, wherein  
said client ~~specification-representation~~ information is image information ~~of a votive panel to~~  
~~specify-identify~~ a client, and wherein said display information ~~in which said client specification~~  
~~information is positioned~~ includes an image of a tree in which said image information is  
positioned at a predetermined location.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The computer system according to claim 1, wherein  
said client ~~specification-representation~~ information is grouped ~~for~~ according to each  
predetermined number of members who belong to the same genre, and wherein said display  
information includes information for instructing to acquire display information that includes said  
client ~~specification-representation~~ information related to another group in said genre registered  
by said one client.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The computer system according to claim 1, further  
comprising:  
means for, ~~if information indicating selection of client specification information is received~~  
~~from said terminal of said one customer, reading out, from a data storage device, information~~  
that matches an attribute<sub>1</sub> registered in advance<sub>1</sub> for a second client that corresponds to ~~the a~~

~~selected client specification~~ representation information, if information indicating the selection of client representation information is received from said terminal of said one client, and for forming second display information for said second client by using the read information; and

means for transmitting, to said terminal of said one client, ~~said-formed~~ second display information.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The computer system according to claim 4, wherein said information that matches said attribute registered in advance for ~~the~~ said second client includes ~~at the least either an advertisement, or reference destination information for information associated with said attribute,~~ or both.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The computer system according to claim 4, further comprising:

means for registering a comment for a client, said comment received from a different client, and

wherein said means for reading out includes the registered comment from said different client into said second display information for the said second client.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The computer system according to claim 4, further comprising:

means for requesting a comment ~~for~~ from an expert in a genre registered in advance by said one client, and

wherein said means for reading out includes reading out said comment received from said expert into said second display information for said one second client.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The computer system according to claim 7, further comprising:

means for, ~~if a request for said comment by said expert is received from said terminal of said one client,~~ transmitting said a request, for said comment from said expert, to said expert, upon said request for said comment by said expert being received from said terminal of said one client;

means for, ~~upon receipt of a request from an expert terminal,~~ transmitting said display information for said one client to said an expert terminal, upon receipt of a request from the expert terminal; and

means for, ~~upon receipt of comment information from said expert terminal,~~ storing said comment information in a storage area for said one client, upon receipt of said comment information from said expert terminal.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The computer system according to claim 4, wherein said second display information for ~~the said second~~ client includes reference destination information to public information of an expert in the genre registered in advance by ~~the said second~~ client.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The computer system according to claim 9, wherein said public information includes information concerning a comment request submitted by ~~the said second~~ client.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The computer system according to claim 1, wherein said means for transmitting display information changes said location of said client ~~specification~~ representation information at a predetermined time ~~intervals~~ interval, and transmits the changed display information upon receipt of a request from said terminal of said one client.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The computer system according to claim 1, wherein said means for transmitting display information comprises:

means for reading out, from a data storage device, client ~~specification-representation~~ information for said one client and client representation information for other clients who belong to a genre registered by said one client in advance ~~wherein said client specification information respectively specifies one client and other clients who belong a genre registered by said one client;~~ and

means for transmitting, to said terminal of said one client, display information including the read client ~~specification-representation~~ information and a template used to display said client specification information at a predetermined ~~location~~ locations.

13. (ORIGINAL) The computer system according to claim 2, wherein said image of said tree is changed as time elapses.

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The computer system according to claim 1, wherein said genre is defined for a dream of a client, and wherein, if a client specifies a genre other than

those that are prepared in advance at the a client registration, said genre specified by the client is added to available choice items for a next registration.

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED): A computer-readable storage for storing a program for controlling a computer to provide information, by, said program comprising the steps of:  
receiving client identification information from a terminal of one client; and  
in response to receipt of said client identification information, transmitting, to said terminal of said one client, display information wherein in which each of client specification representation information for respectively specifying said one client and client representation information for other clients who belong to a genre registered by said one client in advance is are positioned at a predetermined location locations.

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The computer-readable storage medium for controlling a computer to provide information according to claim 15, wherein said program further comprises the steps of comprising:  
if information indicating selection of client specification-representation information is received from said terminal of said one customer, reading out, ~~from a data storage device,~~ information that matches an attribute registered in advance for a second client that corresponds to the selected client specification-representation information, and for forming second display information for said second client by using the read information; and  
transmitting, to said terminal of said one client, said formed display information.

17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The computer-readable storage medium for controlling a computer to provide information according to claim 16, wherein said program further comprises the steps of comprising:  
registering a comment for a client, said comment received from a different client, and  
wherein said ~~step of~~ reading out comprises ~~a step of~~ including the registered comment from said different client ~~into~~ in said second display information for ~~the said second~~ client.

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The computer-readable storage medium for controlling a computer to provide information according to claim 16, wherein said program further comprises a step of requesting a comment ~~for~~ from an expert in a genre registered in advance by said one client, and  
wherein said ~~step of~~ reading out comprises ~~a step of~~ including said comment received

from said expert into said second display information for said ~~one~~ second client.

19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The computer-readable storage medium for controlling a computer to provide information according to claim 18, ~~wherein said program further comprises the steps of~~ comprising:

if a request for said comment by said expert is received from said terminal of said one client, transmitting said request to said expert;

upon receipt of a request from an expert terminal, transmitting said display information for said one client to said expert terminal; and

upon receipt of comment information from said expert terminal, storing said comment information in a storage area for said one client.

20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The computer-readable storage medium for controlling a computer to provide information according to claim 15, wherein said ~~step of~~ transmitting display information ~~comprises the steps of~~:

changing said location of said client ~~specification-representation~~ information at a predetermined time ~~intervals~~ interval; and

transmitting the changed display information upon receipt of a request from said terminal of said one client.

21. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The computer-readable storage medium for controlling a computer to provide information according to claim 15, wherein said ~~step of~~ transmitting display information ~~comprises the steps of~~:

reading out, from a data storage device, client ~~specification-representation~~ information for said one client and client representation information for other clients who belong to a genre registered by said one client in advance ~~wherein said client specification information respectively specifies one client and other clients who belong a genre registered by said one client~~; and

transmitting, to said terminal of said one client, display information including the read client ~~specification-representation~~ information and a template used to display said client specification information at a predetermined ~~location~~ location.

22. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An information providing method ~~comprising the steps of~~:

receiving client identification information from a terminal of one client; and

in response to receipt of said client identification information, transmitting, to said terminal of said one client, display information ~~wherein in which each of client specification representation information for respectively specifying said one client and client representation information for~~ other clients who belong to a genre registered by said one client in advance is ~~are~~ positioned at a predetermined ~~location~~ locations.

23. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The information providing method according to claim 22, further comprising ~~the steps of~~:

if information indicating selection of client ~~specification representation~~ information is received from said terminal of said one customer, reading out ~~from a data storage device~~, information that matches an attribute registered in advance for a second client that corresponds to the selected client ~~specification representation~~ information, and for forming second display information for said second client by using the read information; and

transmitting, to said terminal of said one client, said formed second display information.

24. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The information providing method according to claim 23, further comprising ~~a step of~~ registering a comment for a client, said comment received from a different client, and

wherein said ~~step of~~ reading out comprises ~~a step of~~ including the registered comment from said different client into said second display information for the said second client.

25. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The information providing method according to claim 23, further comprising ~~a step of~~ requesting a comment ~~for~~ from an expert in a genre registered in advance by said one client, and

wherein said ~~step of~~ reading out comprises ~~a step of~~ including said comment received from said expert into said second display information for said ~~one~~ second client.

26. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The information providing method according to claim 25, further comprising ~~the steps of~~:

if a request for said comment by said expert is received from said terminal of said one client, transmitting said request to said expert;

upon receipt of a request from an expert terminal, transmitting said display information for said one client to said expert terminal; and

upon receipt of comment information from said expert terminal, storing said comment

information in a storage area for said one client.

27. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The information providing method according to claim 22, wherein said ~~step of~~ transmitting display information comprises ~~the steps of~~:

changing said location of said client ~~specification representation~~ information at a predetermined time intervals; and

transmitting the changed display information upon receipt of a request from said terminal of said one client.

28. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The information providing method according to claim 22, wherein said ~~step of~~ transmitting display information comprises ~~the steps of~~:

reading out, from a data storage device, client ~~specification representation~~ information for said one client and client representation information for other clients who belong to a genre registered by said one client in advance ~~wherein said client specification information respectively specifies one client and other clients who belong a genre registered by said one client~~; and

transmitting, to said terminal of said one client, display information including the read client ~~specification representation~~ information and a template used to display said client ~~specification representation~~ information at a predetermined ~~location~~ locations

29. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The information providing method according to claim 22, wherein said display information ~~in which said client specification information is positioned~~ includes an image of a tree in which ~~said image information to identify a client~~ is positioned at a predetermined location locations, and wherein said information providing method further ~~comprises a step of~~ changing said image of said tree as time elapses.

30. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An information acquisition method comprising ~~the steps of~~:

transmitting client identification information to an information providing server;

receiving, from said information providing server, display information ~~wherein in which~~ each of client ~~specification representation~~ information respectively specifying for said one client and client representation information for other clients who belong to a genre registered by said one client in advance ~~is are~~ positioned at a predetermined locations; and

displaying said display information on a display device.

31. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The information acquisition method according to claim 30, further comprising ~~the steps of:~~

transmitting information indicating selection of client ~~specification-representation~~ information to said information providing server;

receiving, from said information providing server, second display information for ~~the a~~ second client that corresponds to the selected client ~~specification-representation~~ information, wherein said second display information for ~~the said second~~ client includes information that matches an attribute registered in advance for said client; and

displaying the received second display information for ~~the said second~~ client.